Computer Science LINUX KERNEL METRICS

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Filesystem speed is a critical component of overall system performance. We introduced mechanisms into the linux kernel to allow us to track many parameters of filesystem performance. This is a work in progress and in this talk we will discuss the methods we are using to gather data, as well as issues we have encountered in the implementation thereof. We are focusing our research on the area of block-level transfers between main memory and a block device. We hope to be able to suggest improvements to the I/O algorithms which will improve the average throughput of the system.